

**TABLE 3 - RUFFED GROUSE  
WILDLIFE HABITAT RATING CRITERIA - DISTRIBUTION OF HABITAT ELEMENTS**

Wildlife Species	Habitat Element	Size	Adjoining Habitat Elements	Component Score <sup>1</sup>	Applicable Score <sup>2</sup>		Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet(s) <sup>3</sup>
					Existing	Planned	
<b>Ruffed Grouse (Statewide)</b>	<b>Grain and Seed Crops</b>	Size is negligible.	-	-			
	<b>Domestic Grasses and Legumes</b>	<p><b>A</b> - Fields of domestic grasses and legumes of which:</p> <p><b>B</b> - One-half acre to one acre openings in deciduous woodland. Openings are long and narrow and have been seeded to domestic grasses and legumes.</p> <p><b>C</b> - Acres of skid roads, landings, fire access roads, etc., in woodland which have been seeded to grasses and legumes.</p> <p><b>D</b> - No domestic grasses and legumes.</p>	<p><b>A-1</b> 800 feet or more is bordered by woodland or shrub thicket.</p> <p><b>A-2</b> 400 - 799 feet are bordered by woodland or shrub thicket.</p> <p><b>A-3</b> 200 - 399 feet is bordered by woodland or shrub thicket.</p> <p><b>A-4</b> Less than 200 feet is bordered on any side by woodland or shrub thicket.</p> <p><b>B-1</b> Long, narrow openings occur at the rate of one per each 30 to 50 acres of woodland.</p> <p><b>B-2</b> Long, narrow openings occur at the rate of one per each 51 to 60 acres <b>OR</b> one per each 15 to 30 acres.</p> <p><b>B-3</b> Long, narrow openings occur at the rate of one per each 8 to 14 acres <b>OR</b> one per each 61 acres or more.</p> <p><b>B-4</b> Long, narrow openings occur at the rate of one per each 1 to 7 acres of woodland.</p> <p><b>C-1</b> Two acres or more.</p> <p><b>C-2</b> 1 - 1.9 acres</p> <p><b>C-3</b> 0.1 - 1 acre</p> <p align="center">-</p>	<p>A-1      3</p> <p>A-2      2</p> <p>A-3      1</p> <p>A-4      0</p> <p>B-1      3</p> <p>B-2      2</p> <p>B-3      1</p> <p>B-4      0</p> <p>C-1      3</p> <p>C-2      2</p> <p>C-3      1</p> <p>D        0</p>			<p>314</p> <p>342</p> <p>390</p> <p>391</p> <p>422</p> <p>512</p> <p>612</p> <p><b>Warm Season Grass Job Sheet</b></p> <p><b>Cool Season Grass Job Sheet</b></p> <p><b>Cut-back Border Job Sheet</b></p>
	<b>Wild Herbaceous Upland Plants</b>	A - Fields of wild herbaceous upland plants of which:	<p><b>A-1</b> 1600 feet or more is bordered by woodland or shrub thicket.</p> <p><b>A-2</b> 800 - 1,599 feet are bordered by woodland or shrub thicket.</p> <p><b>A-3</b> 400 - 799 feet is bordered by woodland or shrub thicket.</p> <p><b>A-4</b> 200 - 399 feet is bordered by woodland or shrub thicket.</p>	<p>A-1      4</p> <p>A-2      3</p> <p>A-3      2</p> <p>A-4      1</p>			<p>314</p> <p>391</p> <p>422</p> <p>612</p> <p>647</p> <p><b>Cut-back Border Job Sheet</b></p>

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Ruffed Grouse (Continued)	Wild Herbaceous Upland Plants (continued)	B - 4 to 8 acres Comprised of one or more parcels.	A-5 Less than 200 feet is bordered by woodland or shrub thicket.	A-5	0			Fallow Disking Job Sheet
			B-1 Parcel(s) has an interspersion of deciduous plants and is surrounded by deciduous woodland.	B-1	4			
			B-2 No interspersion of woody plants and is surrounded by deciduous woodland.	B-2	3			
			B-3 No interspersion of woody plants and is not surrounded by deciduous woodland.	B-3	0			
		C - 1 to 3 acres comprised of one or more parcels.	C-1 As in "B-1".	C-1	3			
			C-2 As in "B-2".	C-2	2			
			C-3 As in "B-3".	C-3	0			
		D - 0.5 to 1 OR more than 8 acres comprised of one or more parcels.	D-1 As in "B-1".	D-1	2			
			D-2 As in "B-2".	D-2	1			
			D-3 As in "B-3".	D-3	0			
	Deciduous Trees and Shrubs	A - Contiguous parcels of 50 acres or more.	-	A	3			472  612
		B - Contiguous parcels of 40 - 49 acres.	-	B	2			
		C - Contiguous parcels of 30 - 39 acres.	-	C	1			
		D - Contiguous parcels of less than 29 acres.	-	D	0			
	Coniferous Trees and Shrubs	A -	A-1 Occur as scattered trees in hardwood stands.	A	2			314  612
		B - Plantation stands or natural stands are 2 acres or less in size.	-	B	1			
		C - Plantation stands or natural stands are more than 2 acres in size.	-	C	0			
TABLE 3 TOTAL SCORE								

<sup>1</sup> Component Score - This is the value of the Habitat Element with certain species composition and under a certain management.

**ELEMENT DISTRIBUTION RATING KEY**

Total Score is:    0 - 3 = Poor  
                              4 - 6 = Fair  
                              7 - 9 = Good  
                              10 - 12 = Excellent

<sup>2</sup> Applicable Score - To determine the proper rating, use the "highest" component score for the line entry which applies most closely or where all conditions have been met. Only one component score may be used per habitat element.

<sup>3</sup> Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet(s) - These are relevant practice codes in Section IV of the FOTG, or additional references, that could potentially be utilized to achieve management objectives for the particular habitat element.